

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A multi-color writing ink, ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of:

a mixture of a first ink composition ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of a first solvent, ~~and a first colorant dye, and an optional ink additive,~~ and a second ink composition ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of a second solvent, ~~and a second colorant dye, and an optional ink additive,~~ wherein the first and second ink compositions are immiscible with each other.

2. (Original) The multi-color ink according to claim 1, wherein the first solvent is substantially insoluble in the second solvent.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently amended) The multi-color ink according to claim 1, wherein the first ~~colorant dye~~ dye is substantially insoluble in the second solvent.

5. (Currently amended) The multi-color ink according to claim 1, wherein the second ~~colorant dye~~ dye is substantially insoluble in the first solvent.

6. (Original) The multi-color ink according to claim 1, wherein a density of the first solvent and a density of the second solvent differ by less than about 0.35 grams per cubic centimeter (g/cm³).

7. (Original) The multi-color ink according to claim 1, wherein a ratio of the second solvent to the first solvent is at least about one part to about 25 parts.

8. (Original) The multi-color ink according to claim 1, wherein the first solvent is an aqueous solvent and the second solvent is an organic solvent.

9. (Original) The multi-color ink according to claim 8, wherein the first solvent is water and the second solvent is dibasic ester solvent.

10. (Original) The multi-color ink according to claim 8, wherein the first solvent is water and the second solvent is selected from the group consisting of benzene and xylenes.

11. (Currently amended) The multi-color ink according to claim 8, wherein the first ~~colorant~~ dye is selected from the group consisting of anionic dyes and cationic dyes.

12. (Currently amended) The multi-color ink according to claim 8, wherein the first ~~colorant~~ dye is selected from the group consisting of basic dyes, acid dyes, direct dyes, and reactive dyes.

13. (Currently amended) The multi-color ink according to claim 8, wherein the second ~~colorant~~ dye is selected from the group consisting of disperse dyes, mordant dyes, oxidation dyes, reactive dyes, solvent dyes, sulfur dyes, and vat dyes.

14. (Original) The multi-color ink according to claim 1, wherein the first solvent is a water-soluble solvent and the second solvent is an organic solvent.

15. (Original) The multi-color ink according to claim 14, wherein the first solvent is methanol and the second solvent is selected from the group consisting of heptane, hexanes, and cyclohexane.

16. (Currently amended) The multi-color ink according to claim 14, wherein the first ~~colorant~~ dye is selected from the group consisting of anionic dyes and cationic dyes.

17. (Currently amended) The multi-color ink according to claim 14, wherein the second ~~colorant~~ dye is selected from the group consisting of disperse dyes, mordant dyes, oxidation dyes, reactive dyes, solvent dyes, sulfur dyes, and vat dyes.

18. (Original) The multi-color ink according to claim 1, wherein the first solvent is a polar organic solvent and the second solvent is a non-polar organic solvent.

19. (Original) The multi-color ink according to claim 18, wherein the first solvent is selected from the group consisting of acetonitrile, dimethylsulfoxide, dimethylformamide, and trichloroethylene, and the second solvent is selected from the group consisting of heptane, cyclohexane, hexanes, and xylenes.

20. (Original) The multi-color ink according to claim 1, wherein the first solvent is a polar aprotic solvent and the second solvent is a non-polar organic solvent.

21. (Original) The multi-color ink according to claim 1, wherein the first solvent is a polar organic solvent and the second solvent is a polar organic solvent.

22. (Original) The multi-color ink according to claim 21, wherein the first solvent is dimethylformamide and the second solvent is diisopropylether.

23. (Currently amended) A multi-color marker, comprising:
an a fibrous ink reservoir containing at least a mixture of a first ink composition comprising a first solvent and a first colorant and a second ink composition comprising a second solvent and a second colorant[[,]]; and,
a fibrous nib in fluid communication with the fibrous ink reservoir, wherein the first and second ink compositions are immiscible with each other.
24. (Original) The multi-color marker according to claim 23, wherein the first solvent is substantially insoluble in the second solvent.
25. (Original) The multi-color marker according to claim 23, wherein the first and second colorants are selected from the group consisting of dyes and surface-modified pigments.
26. (Original) The multi-color ink marker according to claim 23, wherein the first colorant is substantially insoluble in the second solvent.
27. (Original) The multi-color marker according to claim 23, wherein the second colorant is substantially insoluble in the first solvent.
28. (Original) The multi-color marker according to claim 23, wherein a density of the first solvent and a density of the second solvent differ by less than about 0.35 grams per cubic centimeter (g/cm³).
29. (Original) The multi-color marker according to claim 23, wherein a ratio of the second solvent to the first solvent is at least about one part to about 25 parts.

30. (Original) The multi-color marker according to claim 23, wherein the first solvent is an aqueous solvent and the second solvent is an organic solvent.

31. (Original) The multi-color marker according to claim 30, wherein the first colorant is selected from the group consisting of anionic dyes and cationic dyes.

32. (Original) The multi-color marker according to claim 30, wherein the second colorant is selected from the group consisting of disperse dyes, mordant dyes, oxidation dyes, reactive dyes, solvent dyes, sulfur dyes, and vat dyes.

33. (Original) The multi-color marker according to claim 23, wherein the first solvent is a water-soluble solvent and the second solvent is an organic solvent.

34. (Original) The multi-color marker according to claim 23, wherein the first solvent is a polar organic solvent and the second solvent is a non-polar organic solvent.

35. (Original) The multi-color marker according to claim 23, wherein the first solvent is a polar aprotic solvent and the second solvent is a non-polar organic solvent.

36. (Original) The multi-color marker according to claim 23, wherein the first solvent is a polar organic solvent and the second solvent is a polar organic solvent.

37. (New) The multi-color writing ink according to claim 1, wherein the additive is selected from the group consisting of biocides, surface tension modifiers, binding resins, surfactants, and humectants.

38. (New) The multi-color marker according to claim 23, wherein the first ink composition comprises at least about 0.1 weight percent of the first colorant, the second ink composition comprises at least about 0.1 weight percent of the second colorant, and the first and second colorants are dyes.

39. (New) A multi-color writing ink, comprising:

a mixture of a first ink composition comprising a first solvent and a first colorant and a second ink composition comprising a second solvent and a second colorant, wherein the first and second ink compositions are immiscible with each other, and the first solvent is water and the second solvent is dibasic ester solvent or the first solvent is dimethylformamide and the second solvent is diisopropylether.